

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

BEVERLY PERDUE GOVERNOR

January 6, 2009

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. Richard E. Greene, Jr., PE Division Four Engineer
FROM: Philip S. Harris, III, P.E., Unit Head Natural Environment Unit Project Development and Environmental Analysis Branch
SUBJECT: Nash County, Replace Bridge No. 82 on SR 1316 over Cypress Creek; T.I.P. Number B-4587; Federal Aid Project No. BRZ-1316(4); State Project 8.2322901

Attached is the Riparian Buffer Authorization for the above referenced project. All environmental permits have been received for the construction of this project.

A copy of this permit package will be posted on the NCDOT website at: http://www.ncdot.org/doh/preconstruct/pe/neu/permit.html

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Attachment

- Cc: W/attachment Mr. Randy Garris, P.E. State Contract Officer Ms. Beth Harmon, EEP Mr. Chad Coggins, Division Environmental Officer
- Cc: W/o attachment (see website for attachments) Mr. Majed Alghandour, P. E., Programming and TIP Mr. Jay Bennett, P.E., Roadway Design Dr. David Chang, P.E., Hydraulics Mr. Art McMillan, P.E., Highway Design Mr. Tom Koch, P.E., Structure Design Mr. Mark Staley, Roadside Environmental Mr. John F. Sullivan, FHWA

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Mr. Ron Hancock, P.E., State Roadway Construction Engineer Mr. Mike Robinson, P.E., State Bridge Construction Engineer Mr. Rob Hanson, P.E., PDEA Eastern Region Unit Head

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PROJECT COMMITMENTS:

Nash County Bridge No. 82 on SR 1316 Over Cypress Creek Federal Aid Project No. BRZ-1316(4) State Project No. 8.2322901 W.B.S. No. 33787.1.1 T.I.P. No. B-4587

Commitments Developed Through Project Developement

Division Four Construction, Resident Engineer's Office – Offsite Detour

In order to have time to adequately reroute school busses, Nash County Schools should be contacted at (252) 459-5289 at least one month prior to road closure.

Nash County Emergency Services needs to be contacted at (252) 459-9805 at least one month prior to road closure to make the necessary temporary reassignments to primary response units.

Resident Engineer/Division Environmental Officer/Office of Natural Environment

Habitat for the dwarf wedge mussel and Tar spinymussel is present in Cypress Creek. A biological conclusion of "May Affect, Not Likely to Adversely Affect" has been determined for both species. Concurrence will be obtained from USFWS prior to applying for permits.

Concurrence was received from USFWS on November 10, 2008.

Commitments Developed Through Permitting

There are no additional special commitments for this project.



APPROVAL of TAR-PAMLICO BUFFER AUTHORIZATION with ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS

Dr. Gregory J. Thorpe, Ph.D., Environmental Management Director NCDOT PDEA 1598 Mail Service Center Raleigh, NC 27699-1598

Dear Dr. Thorpe;

You have our approval, in accordance with the conditions listed below, for the following impacts for the purpose of replacing Bridge 82 in Nash and Franklin Counties:

Site	Zone 1 Impact (sq ft)	<i>minus</i> Wetlands in Zone 1 (sq ft)	= Zone 1 Buffers (not wetlands) (sq ft)	Zone I Butter	Zone 2 Impact (sq ft)	<i>minus</i> Wetlands in Zone 2 (sq ft)	= Zone 2 Buffers (not wetlands) (sq ft)	Zone 2 Buffer Mitigation Required (using 1.5:1 ratio)
1	2285	0	2285	N/A	1026	0	1026	N/A
Totals	2285	0	2285	0	1026	. 0	1026	0

Tar-Pamlico Riparian Buffer Impacts

* n/a = Total for Site is less than 1/3 acre and 150 linear feet of impact, no mitigation required Total Buffer Impact for Project: 3,311 square feet.

The project shall be constructed in accordance with your application dated received December 10, 2008. This approval is valid for the Tar-Pamlico Riparian Buffer Rules (15A NCAC 2B.0259). In addition, you should acquire any other federal, state or local permits before you proceed with your project including (but not limited to) Sediment and Erosion Control, Non-Discharge and Water Supply Watershed regulations.

This approval is valid solely for the purpose and design described in your application (unless modified below). Should your project change, you must notify the DWQ and submit a new application. If the property is sold, the new owner must be given a copy of this Certification and approval letter, and is thereby responsible for complying with all the conditions. If total wetland fills for this project (now or in the future) exceed one acre, or of total impacts to streams (now or in the future) exceed 150 linear feet, compensatory mitigation may be required as described in 15A NCAC 2H .0506 (h) (6) and (7). For this approval to remain valid, you must adhere to the conditions listed in the attached certification as well as those listed below.

Conditions of Certification:

1. The post-construction removal of any temporary bridge structures must return the project site to its preconstruction contours and elevations. The impacted areas shall be revegetated with appropriate native species.

2. Strict adherence to the most recent version of NCDOT's Best Management Practices For Bridge Demolition and Removal approved by the US Army Corps of Engineers is a condition of the certification.





3. Bridge deck drains shall not discharge directly into the stream. Stormwater shall be directed across the bridge and pre-treated through site-appropriate means (grassed swales, pre-formed scour holes, vegetated buffers, etc.) before entering the stream. Please refer to the most current version of *Stormwater Best Management Practices*.

4. All stormwater runoff shall be directed as sheetflow through stream buffers at nonerosive velocities, unless otherwise approved by this certification.

5. All riparian buffers impacted by the placement of temporary fill or clearing activities shall be restored to the preconstruction contours and revegetated. Maintained buffers shall be permanently revegetated with non-woody species by the end of the growing season following completion of construction. For the purpose of this condition, maintained buffer areas are defined as areas within the transportation corridor that will be subject to regular DOT maintenance activities including mowing. The area with non-maintained buffers shall be permanently revegetated, with native woody species before the next growing season following completion of construction.

6. Pursuant to NCAC15A 2B.0259(6), sediment and erosion control devices shall not be placed in Zone 1 of any Tar-Pamlico Buffer without prior approval by the NCDWQ. At this time, the NCDWQ has approved no sediment and erosion control devices in Zone 1, outside of the approved project impacts, anywhere on this project. Moreover, sediment and erosion control devices shall be allowed in Zone 2 of the buffers provided that Zone 1 is not compromised and that discharge is released as diffuse flow.

7. If concrete is used during construction, a dry work area shall be maintained to prevent direct contact between curing concrete and stream water. Water that inadvertently contacts uncured concrete shall not be discharged to surface waters due to the potential for elevated pH and possible aquatic life and fish kills.

8. During the construction of the project, no staging of equipment of any kind is permitted in waters of the U.S., or protected riparian buffers.

9. The dimension, pattern and profile of the stream above and below the crossing shall not be modified. Disturbed floodplains and streams shall be restored to natural geomorphic conditions.

10. The use of rip-rap above the Normal High Water Mark shall be minimized. Any rip-rap placed for stream stabilization shall be placed in stream channels in such a manner that it does not impede aquatic life passage.

11. The Permittee shall ensure that the final design drawings adhere to the permit and to the permit drawings submitted for approval.

12. All work in or adjacent to stream waters shall be conducted in a dry work area. Approved BMP measures from the most current version of NCDOT Construction and Maintenance Activities manual such as sandbags, rock berms, cofferdams and other diversion structures shall be used to prevent excavation in flowing water.

13. Heavy equipment shall be operated from the banks rather than in the stream channel in order to minimize sedimentation and reduce the introduction of other pollutants into the stream.

14. All mechanized equipment operated near surface waters must be regularly inspected and maintained to prevent contamination of stream waters from fuels, lubricants, hydraulic fluids, or other toxic materials.

15. No rock, sand or other materials shall be dredged from the stream channel except where authorized by this certification.

16. Discharging hydroseed mixtures and washing out hydroseeders and other equipment in or adjacent to surface waters is prohibited.





17. The permittee and its authorized agents shall conduct its activities in a manner consistent with State water quality standards (including any requirements resulting from compliance with §303(d) of the Clean Water Act) and any other appropriate requirements of State and Federal law. If DWQ determines that such standards or laws are not being met (including the failure to sustain a designated or achieved use) or that State or federal law is being violated, or that further conditions are necessary to assure compliance, DWQ may reevaluate and modify this certification.

18. All fill slopes located in jurisdictional wetlands shall be placed at slopes no flatter than 3:1, unless otherwise authorized by this certification.

19. A copy of this Certification shall be maintained on site at the construction site at all times. In addition, the Certification and all subsequent modifications, if any, shall be maintained with the Division Engineer and the on-site project manager.

20. The outside buffer, wetland or water boundary located within the construction corridor approved by this authorization shall be clearly marked by highly visible fencing prior to any land disturbing activities. Impacts to areas within the fencing are prohibited unless otherwise authorized by this certification.

21. The issuance of this certification does not exempt the Permittee from complying with any and all statutes, rules, regulations, or ordinances that may be imposed by other government agencies (i.e. local, state, and federal) having jurisdiction, including but not limited to applicable buffer rules, stormwater management rules, soil erosion and sedimentation control requirements, etc.

22. The Permittee shall report any violations of this certification to the Division of Water Quality within 24 hours of discovery.

23. Upon completion of the project (including any impacts at associated borrow or waste site), the NCDOT Division Engineer shall complete and return the enclosed "Certification of Completion Form" to notify DWQ when all work included in the Certification has been completed.

24. Native woody riparian vegetation (i.e., trees and shrubs native to your geographic region) must be reestablished within the construction limits of the project by the end of the growing season following completion of construction.

25. There shall be no excavation from, or waste disposal into, jurisdictional wetlands or waters associated with this permit without appropriate modification. Should waste or borrow sites, or access roads to waste or borrow sites, be located in wetlands or streams, compensatory mitigation will be required since that is a direct impact from road construction activities.

26. Erosion and sediment control practices must be in full compliance with all specifications governing the proper design, installation and operation and maintenance of such Best Management Practices in order to protect surface waters standards:

- a. The erosion and sediment control measures for the project must be designed, installed, operated, and maintained in accordance with the most recent version of the *North Carolina Sediment and Erosion Control Planning and Design Manual*.
- b. The design, installation, operation, and maintenance of the sediment and erosion control measures must be such that they equal, or exceed, the requirements specified in the most recent version of the *North Carolina Sediment and Erosion Control Manual*. The devices shall be maintained on all construction sites, borrow sites, and waste pile (spoil) projects, including contractor-owned or leased borrow pits associated with the project.
- c. For borrow pit sites, the erosion and sediment control measures must be designed, installed, operated, and maintained in accordance with the most recent version of the *North Carolina Surface Mining Manual.*





d. The reclamation measures and implementation must comply with the reclamation in accordance with the requirements of the Sedimentation Pollution Control Act.

27. Sediment and erosion control measures shall not be placed in wetlands or waters unless otherwise approved by this Certification.

If you do not accept any of the conditions of this certification, you may ask for an adjudicatory hearing. You must act within 60 days of the date that you receive this letter. To ask for a hearing, send a written petition that conforms to Chapter 150B of the North Carolina General Statutes to the Office of Administrative Hearings, 6714 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, N.C. 27699. This certification and its conditions are final and binding unless you ask for a hearing. This letter completes the review of the Division of Water Quality under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act. If you have any questions, please contact Robert Ridings (919) 733-9817.

Sincerely,

Coleen Sullins, Director

Attachments (General Certification and Certificate of Completion form)

cc: Chad Coggins, Division 4 Environmental Officer Chris Murray, Division 5 Environmental Officer Travis Wilson, NC Wildlife Resources Commission Veronica Barnes, NCDO NEU File Copy

Transportation Permitting Unit 1650 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-1650 2321 Crabtree Boulevard, Suite 250, Raleigh, North Carolina 27604 Phone: 919-733-1786 / FAX 919-733-6893 / Internet: <u>http://h2o.enr.state.nc.us/ncwetlands</u>





Coleen Sullins Director **Division of Water Quality**

DWQ Project No.:	County:
Applicant:	
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Date of Issuance of 401 Water Ouality (Certification:

Certificate of Completion

Upon completion of all work approved within the 401 Water Quality Certification or applicable Buffer Rules, and any subsequent modifications, the applicant is required to return this certificate to the 401 Transportation Permitting Unit, North Carolina Division of Water Quality, 1650 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC, 27699-1650. This form may be returned to DWQ by the applicant, the applicant's authorized agent, or the project engineer. It is not necessary to send certificates from all of these.

Applicant's Certification

I, ______, hereby state that, to the best of my abilities, due care and diligence was used in the observation of the construction such that the construction was observed to be built within substantial compliance and intent of the 401 Water Quality Certification and Buffer Rules, the approved plans and specifications, and other supporting materials.

Date: Signature:

Agent's Certification

_____, hereby state that, to the best of my abilities, due care and diligence I, was used in the observation of the construction such that the construction was observed to be built within substantial compliance and intent of the 401 Water Quality Certification and Buffer Rules, the approved plans and specifications, and other supporting materials.

Signature: Date:

Engineer's Certification

_____ Final _____ Partial

Date _____

_____, as a duly registered Professional Engineer in the State of North I. Carolina, having been authorized to observe (periodically, weekly, full time) the construction of the project, for the Permittee hereby state that, to the best of my abilities, due care and diligence was used in the observation of the construction such that the construction was observed to be built within substantial compliance and intent of the 401 Water Quality Certification and Buffer Rules, the approved plans and specifications, and other supporting materials.

Signature Registration No.

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November 5, 2008

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 DIVISION OF HIGH WAYS Pdea-office of Natural Environment

Gregory J. Thorpe, Ph.D. North Carolina Department of Transportation Project Development and Environmental Analysis 1598 Mail Service Center Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-1598

Dear Dr. Thorpe:

This letter is in response to your letter of October 24, 2008 which provided the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) with the biological determination of the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) that the replacement of Bridge No. 82 on SR 1316 over Cypress Creek in Franklin and Nash Counties (TIP No. B-4587) may affect, but is not likely to adversely affect the federally endangered dwarf wedgemussel (Alasmidonta heterodon) and Tar spinymussel (Elliptio steinstansana). These comments are provided in accordance with section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531-1543).

As stated in your letter, concurrence with your biological determination was previously denied. Subsequently, Service biologist Mr. Gary Jordan met with NCDOT staff on-site on July 24, 2007 and determined that poor habitat conditions were present at and immediately downstream of the project site. The presence of either of the listed species is very unlikely. Based on the new information, the Service concurs with your determination that the proposed bridge replacement may affect, but is not likely to adversely affect the dwarf wedgemussel and Tar spinymussel. We believe that the requirements of section 7(a)(2) of the ESA have been satisfied. We remind you that obligations under section 7 consultation must be reconsidered if: (1) new information reveals impacts of this identified action that may affect listed species or critical habitat in a manner not previously considered in this review; (2) this action is subsequently modified in a manner that was not considered in this review; or (3) a new species is listed or critical habitat determined that may be affected by this identified action.

The Service appreciates the opportunity to review this project. If you have any questions regarding our response, please contact Mr. Gary Jordan at (919) 856-4520 (Ext. 32).

Sincerely,

Pete Benjamin Field Supervisor cc: William Wescott, USACE, Washington, NC Eric Alsmeyer, USACE, Wake Forest, NC Travis Wilson, NCWRC, Creedmoor, NC Chris Militscher, USEPA, Raleigh, NC John Sullivan, FHWA, Raleigh, NC David Harris, NCDOT, Raleigh, NC

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		NCDOT	
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